



Etooinin' 101: Intro to Etooinin'

In the beginning, Etooinin' was all about God. It was the means to express my newfound faith in Him while also relaying the info in an easy to read, interesting format, which relied entirely upon cartoons. Today Etooinin' is sometimes swayed by my powerful enemy who tries to divert the attention to anything but His saving grace.

The lesson should not be what whacky plan did I formulate in the last week or two, but what did I learn about God. In the past week I learned that when we delight in sin, we delight in shameful activity. In fact, we delight in death, which must be such a reproach to God who created us to delight in Him. Not only do we delight in death, but our delight is so oblivious to God's wishes that we do not even recognize or know that He exists, even when He is so painfully present and calling us to something which He knows is much better for us. It saddened me to be thinking about this, as I have fallen into the trap before but also continue to do so until the day that God completely frees me from this state of sin I am found in. But I don't get too sad because I'm on the right side, I play for the right team, I'm living in a dream and there are no regrets because my Savior is willing and able to free me from all that fetters me. It is a bummer, though, the realization that our delight in death causes delight in our enemy. This is where shame comes from: an enemy who tempts us then laughs at us.

Each Etooinin' should come with a positive message about God, not just an observation about negativity. I think right now about a positive occurrence of serendipity. Roger and I visited Randy Kay in jail. As our visit wound to an end, I asked Roger if he wanted to go for ice cream, since I'd temporarily fallen off the "no sugar" bandwagon. He said, "I thought you'd ask me about that, so I brought my lactaid pills." It was so sweetly funny to me: how did he know I was going to ask about ice cream? He said, "I know you, Jim Bures." But I gave up sugar: I don't eat ice cream. The serendipity got even better when Roger paid for the ice cream too. Now, that's a positive message, but not enough. God is more powerful than playful little games. Oh, and a female friend made me feel better as we dined at Denny's.

I guess I learned that as much as it stinks to go through constant calamity, I realize that I'm forgetting the past sins that have dogged me. I mean, not just like, "Oh, I don't do that anymore." But "Oh, I didn't even notice I don't do that anymore." I felt good and rejoiced at one point! Amidst a world of fear, worries and concern, I rejoiced. And I prayed for the day when I will realize enough about doing God's will that I remain confidence in the face of criticism to the contrary. As Roger pointed out, Jesus took two days to go to Lazarus after he died rather than visit right away. I know God uses me in spite of me. I want Him to use me for me. I want to be His. I want to leave my plans behind.

I resigned T.J. Maxx...

[Tuesday - Nov. 17]



And got a job at UPS!

[Tuesday - Nov. 24]



Pipe Dreams Revisited: Where I'd like to go and WHY!?

[Because I don't realize I am broke]



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Job #29 Possibilities...

[UPS only lasts til Dec. 31st]



As I sit here typing, it is 4:11am. I am reminded of why all my plans are manic because I have such energy I can not sleep. I plan to return to Graphic Design school for at least two classes, but I want to hypomaniac-size this to four: Illustration [CDG105], Communication in Design [CDG112], Typography [CDG235] and Creative Web Design [CDG240]. This would get me back on track towards my degree, but without time to earn income. Hence the hypomaniac-size. It makes no sense to think like this, yet I do so uncontrollably. My schedules:

2 classes		+	2 classes		or	4 classes	
T/Th	11:00 – 12:45 Illustration CGD105		M/W	10:40 – 12:25 Creative Web CGD240		T/Th	11:00 – 12:25 Illustration CGD105
T/Th	1:45 – 3:30 Typography CDG235		M/W	1:45 – 3:00 Communication CGD112		T/Th	1:45 – 3:30 Typograpy CGD235
						Tue	6:00 – 8:00 Communication CGD112
						Thurs	5:00 – 9:00 Creative Web CGD240

The two core classes will allow me to improve Etoonin' dramatically. Adobe Illustrator can be used to make cool, crisp logos. Adobe InDesign (Typography) is a page layout program that knocks MS Word's socks off. The other two classes count towards my Associates degree, increasing my marketable skills in web site design (and earning me income sooner). They are only offered in the spring: if I don't take them now I must wait a year. Although I could possibly work on off days, my illness is such that I couldn't handle it. That is the compromise I face: income needed vs. school desired.

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